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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI - PRESENTATION OF
CREDENTIALS

REF: A) WARSAW 2406, B) WARSAW 2320

1. THERE ARE FOUR OTHER AMBASSADORS AWAITING PRESENTATION
OF CREDENTIALS BESIDES SPASOWSKI. THEY ARE FROM GHANA,
BOLIVIA, ITALY, AND NEW ZEALAND. THE DEPARTMENT HAD SENT
A MEMORANDUM TO THE NSC RECOMMENDING THAT, IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE, A DATE BE SET FOR CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION
BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FOR LATIN AMERICA.

2. WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THTS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE,BUT A
TENTATIVE DATE FOR PRESENTATION HAS BEEN SET FOR APRIL 7,
SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN. GIVEN THE CIRCUM-
STANCES, THIS SEEMS REASONABLE.

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3. EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS HAD TOLD DCM PAWLISZEWSKI ON
MARCH 21 THAT WE ARE WORKING ON A DATE IN THE FIRST WEEK
OF APRIL IN THE EVENT THE CEREMONY CANNOT BE ARRANGED
BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP. ANDREWS STRESSED TO PAWLIS-
ZEWSKI THAT, AS AMBASSADOR DOBELLE HAD TOLD HIM UPON HIS
ARRIVAL, SPASOWSKI CAN ACT IN EVERY WAY AS THOUGH FULLY

ACCREDITED NOW THAT HE HAS PRESENTED HIS LETTERS TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY. SPECIFICALLY, ANDREWS POINTED OUT AND OTHER EE OFFICERS HAVE REITERATED THAT THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE APPEARING IN THE PROTOCOL OFFICE'S CURRENT HANDBOOK ON CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION IS WAIVED: BEGIN QUOTE: AN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT CALL FORMALLY UPON OTHER UNITED STATES OFFICIALS OR MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS UNTIL HE HAS MADE HIS CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT. END QUOTE.

4. THE POLISH EMBASSY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CONFUSED ON THAT POINT. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE BOTH SPASOWSKI AND PAWLISZEWSKI ARE "OLD SCHOOL" ON SUCH QUESTIONS. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO DISABUSE THEM OF THEIR INHIBITIONS AND TO STRESS THAT THE DELAY IN THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US-POLISH RELATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO REINFORCE THIS IN WARSAW.

5. WE WILL INFORM SPASOWSKI TODAY, MARCH 23, THAT A TENTATIVE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR APRIL 7, SUBJECT TO RECONFIRMATION UPON THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN. WE WILL AGAIN STRESS THAT THE DELAY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THAT SPASOWSKI SHOULD BEGIN MAKING HIS CALLS AND OTHERWISE ACTING AS THOUGH FULLY ACCREDITED. YOU MAY WISH TO ADVISE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALONG THE SAME LINES.
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